THE ALAMEDA.

Pamous Park That Is the Pride of

Nearly every city thinks its

parks the most beautiful on the face of

the earth. This pride it is that has

given to Europe and America their

magnificent recreation and pleasure

grounds. The German points with

pride at the Thiergarten in Berlin

and cries, "Match it if you can!" Whereupon the Parisian and the Lon-

doner act the showman, with a wealth of gestures, proclaiming their own

The New Yorkir has his Central

park shrine, with which Belle Isle, at

Detroit; Pairmount park, at Philadel-

phia; Shaw's gardens, at St. Lonia; Lincoln park, at Chicago, and a hun-

dred others are constantly being com-

pared. With such a host of competitors for world honors it would be a bold

person who would claim for Mexico

City's Alameda the first place. It can

at least be said of the park, however,

that it stands at the head in a land of

We Americans who have heard a hundred times of the Alamo, at San

Antonio, Tex., may, associate that

name with the Alameda, for alamo is

the Spanish word for poplar, the tree

that was first planted extensively in

the Alameda. Just twenty-eight years

before the landing at Plymouth rock

the viceroy of Mexico, Don Luis de

Velasco, asked that a sum should be

appropriated by the city for making

The market place of San Hipolito

was the most convenient for that pur-

pose, so changes were immediately

made, trees planted, fountains erected,

flowers set out and a high inclosing wall

built that was pierced by gateways.

West of this park extended an open

space known by the significant name

of Plaza del Quemadero, or burning

place. Here rose a broad stone plat-

form where the victims of the inquisi-

olution this torture platform was re-

moved and the open space added to the

Alameda, resulting in a tract contain-

ing some twenty-tivo acres, being near-

ly 1,500 feet long and about half as

wide. Miles of walks wind in and out

among the shady nooks and pass in

their meanderings a garden for birds

and playgrounds for children, as well

as numerous statues and figures .- Mod-

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A compliment is always exaggerated.

The trouble with the marriage list is

About the only consolation found in

These people with a great deal of as-

Every man must be his own doctor

and decide what is best in his case.

The doctors and philosophers do not

A hen never tries to spread her

wings over her grown rooster size son

ers who haven't as much sense as the

The Russian Crown.

The crown used by the Russian czar

resembles the dome formed patri-

archal miter, which was a favorite

shape among the Byzantines. Upon

the summit appears a cross formed of

five beautiful diamonds, which is also

supported by a kirge spinel ruby, pol-

ished, but not faceted. This ruby and

cross are supported by a foliated arch

composed of eleven great diamonds

and rising from the back and front of

fect pearls. The spaces on either side

of these arches are filled with leafwork

and ornaments in silver, incrusted with

diamonds, underlaid with the richest

purple velvet. The band which forms

the base of the crown is of gold and

is ornamented with twenty-eight mag-

to protect him, but you will see moth

growing old is that there is always one

that it has to be revised so often.

we dislike them.

agree on anything.

hen.—Atchison Globe.

first time, and we know that startling | the base of the crown. On either side

doubt superior to reason whether the of this central arch is attached a boop

valid frame of carts is real, and not formed of thirty eight large and per-

About the time of the American Rev-

pleasure grounds.

tion were burned.

riotous flowers and tropical growths.

TIPS AND TIPPING.

The Customary Exactions on Board

the Atlantic Liners.

hear about excessive tips on steamers

and in Europe. They are numerous, but

need not be large. To scatter your

money wildly in tips will mark you

as a novice. All the servants will

quickly spot you, pass the word around

and fleece you. Tips vary, of course, in accordance with the grade of steam-

If you travel in a specially equipped

floating palace you must expect to pay

wat least \$25 for steamer tips. On regu-

ar first class steamers, however, the

following are customary and will be

ample: Stateroom steward, \$2.50; state-room stewardess, \$2.50; dining room steward, \$2.50. These are obligatory. On the cheaper first class steamers

they may be reduced to \$1 each and

be entirely dignified. It all depends on

the boat. By talking with other pas-

sengers you can readily learn the cus-

tomary scale for your steamer. If you

use the bathroom regularly, pay the

bathroom steward \$1; if less frequently this might be cut to 25 cents a bath,

If you read books from the library,

give the steward a tip varying from

\$1 down to 25 cents, according to grade

of steamer and frequency of his service

The deck steward's gratuity is a

variable quantity; he has opportunity

for getting tips from so many people

that he fares better than inside stew-

ards, who are restricted to a certain

number; hence do not be uneasy about

him. Give him what you think he has

earned in waiting on you, according to

relative service with the other stew-

ards. A dollar is the maximum expect-

Thus your total tips need not exceed

\$10 a voyage and may not be more

than \$5. Be reasonable in what you

require of stewards, and if you should

ask special service of them outside the

line of their regular duties, pay them

for it-Myra Emmons in Good House-

EARTH'S LATENT POWER.

All Solid Substance May Vanish In a

retary of the Smithsonian institution,

speaking of earthquakes, said:

The late Professor S. P. Langley, sec-

"The consideration of the unfamiliar

powers certainly latent in nature, such

as belong to a little tremor of the plan-

et's surface or such as was shown in

that scene I have described," referring

to phenomena he had witnessed when

the comparatively insignificant effect

of a few tons of dynamite was to

make solid buildings unrealities, "may

help us to understand that the words

of the great poet are but the possible

expression of a physical fact; that 'the

cloud capped towers, the gorgeous pal-

aces, the solemn temples, and we with

them, may indeed some day inconceiv-

ably vanish as the siry nothing at the

touch of Prospero's wand, and without it warning to us of a single instant that the security of our ordinary lives is about to be broken.

"We concede this, however, in the

present case only as an abstract possi-

bility, for the advance of astronomical

knowledge is much more likely to show

that the kernel of the comet is but the

bigness of some large meteorite against

which our air is an efficient shield, and

the chance of evil is most remote-in

any case only such as may come in

any hour of our lives from any quarter,

not alone from the earthquake, but

from the pestilence that walketh in

darkness from the infinitely little be-

low and within us as well as from the

infinite powers of the universe without.

brute speaks at such times, if never

before or again; something which is not

altogether physical apprehension, but

more like the moral dismay when the

shock of an earthquake is felt for the

baseless as the fabric of a vision."-

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Washington Sear

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HOW FAME COMES.

cident or Chance. Accident has played an important part in the making of great men. Cooper had never been challenged by his wife to write as good a story as an English povel he had been reading he might never have been one of the great novelists.

If Napoleon had persisted in his attempts to be a writer of essays after he left the military academy the world would not have known this great gen-

If Shakespeare had not failed as a wool merchant and turned actor and then, becoming disgusted with himself as an indifferent player, applied himself to writing there would never have been this great dramatist, and no doubt the plays of today would have been inferior to what they are.

through chance. When only a boy he found in his mother's attic a copy of Spenser's "Faerie Queene" and, becoming enchanted by the rhyme, determined to write poetry for himself.

Gibbon tells that it was while he was at Rome among the ruins of the capitol that he was first moved to write the history of the rise and fall of that great empire. Probably had he not taken a walk on that certain sunny day he would never have conceived the work that afterward made him fa-

surance are quite often right, much as Hatred of the rich is not modern. Remember the Bible story about Dives and Lazarus and how the rich man iciam, he gave up his project pas

Franklin discovered electricity accident, and Moliere was turned to writing comedy, from the tapestry trade, by a reprimend from his father for leading a dissipated life.

Newton discovered the force of gravitation through a mere chance. When a student at Cambridge he went one day to the country. Being weary with his rambles, he sat down beneath an apple tree, and while he was musing there was rudely aroused by a severe blow from an apple which, falling from the branches, struck him on the head. He was surprised at the force of the blow from so small an object, and this led him to deduce the principle of gravity.

Flamsteed became an eminent astronomer through chance. Because of ill health he was taken from school, and, wishing to have some books to \$1.00 case. ed a book on astronomy. He was so much interested in this volume that he procured others and at length adopted the study as a profession.

Pennant, the authority on natural history, received his propensity in that direction through a chance perusal of a book on birds which he found on a table in the house of a friend, and Sir Joshua Reynolds was first moved to his profession of painting portraits by casually reading Richardson's treatise. -Sunday Magazine.

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itors will remark the ancient staircase of cypress, worn by the passing of generations. In the courtyard is seen one of the oldest and best preserved specimens of the "Spanish dagger." It dates back, so those who claim to know aver, to the building of the palace, and indeed its height and dignity indicate anything but youth.-Crafts-

Impertinent. Originally the word "impertment" signified merely "not belonging to." When Wycliffe said that there were many men in this world who were "Impertinent to earthly lords" he did not mean that they were "cheeky," but merely that they had no masters. Then, as used by Shakespeare, "impertinent" came to mean "irrelevant." Just 200 years ago it was defined as signifying "absurd, silly, idle."

Indefinite.

"Darling, yours shall be a sunny lot m life." "Now, look bere, George, are you talking of your behavior or of where we are going to build in the suburbs?"

-Baltimore American. One Vain Wish. The Wife-He told me that if I married him my every wish would be grate ified. The Mother-Well, is it not so? The Wife-No: I wish I hadn't married him.-Cleveland Leader

The nobler the blood the less the pride.-From the Danish

The Independent Farmer.

nificent diamonds.

Buy a farm, young man, No matter how small it may be, buy a farm and prepare it so that your land will provide you a living. Twenty years from now the man who owns his own farm will be independent and will have at his command the means of a livelihood. The expansion of manufactures cannot go on forever, and there will come a day in this country, as there has in others, when the supply will exceed the demand and the only absolutely sure occupation will be

farming. Buy a farm while one may be had.-Troy (Kan.) Chief. Rome's Triumphal Crown. The triumphal crown of Rome was made of lauref leaves and was given to the general who achieved a great victory over an enemy. He entered the city not by a gate, but over a portion of the wall which was thrown down to afford a passage. At his funeral his laurel crown was placed in his bier and

buried with the body. The Beartless Editor. Assistant-This poet says that the last two verses of his poem may be omitted if you think it is desirable. Editor-I'll do better than that, I'll omit the whole poem. - Somerville

His Girl. "Her father and mother both strent ously object to me."

"And the girl?" "I don't think she'd look at me but for that."-Kansas City Independent.